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In re: Reissue Application of )  
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U.S. Patent No. 5,783,700   )      Group Art Unit: 1612  
Reissue Application No: Unknown   )  
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For: QUINOLIC ACID        )  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REISSUE APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with the reissue application for U.S. Patent No. 5,783,700 issued to Al Nichols and Lemone Yielding on July 21, 1998. This amendment seeks to add new claims 16-42 to the patent.

New claims 16-28 are all dependant from current claim 14 of the patent, and are intended to more specifically claim the compounds disclosed in the specification at column 4, lines 29-60. The scope of each of these claims is more narrow than claim 14, and the claims do not constitute new matter. New claims 29-42 recite the method for synthesizing the compounds disclosed in the patent, as set forth at column 3 line 64 to column 4 line 29, and therefore do not constitute new matter.

Please add the following claims:

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